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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/699,144	CHAKRABARTI ET AL.
Examiner	Art Unit	
	Junchun Wu	2191

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 October 2003.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 10/31/2003.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-15 are pending in this application.

Claims Objection

2. The claim numbers in the dependent claims are out of order. They should be 3 for claim 4, 4 for claim 5, 8 for claim 9, 9 for claim 10, 10 for claim 11, 11 for claim 12, 12 for claim 13 and 8 for claim 14. The correction is necessary.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

3. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

4. Claims 8-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because claim limitations are directed towards software per se. The claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Apparatus claims fail to recite any hardware features required enabling the functionality.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a person unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

6. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-9, 11, 12, 14, and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ayers et al. ("Aggressive Inlining", 1997, ACM, hereafter "Ayers").

7. For claim 1, Ayers discloses a method of compiling a computer program, the method composing: receiving a plurality of modules of source code (Fig. 1); generating intermediate representations corresponding to the modules (Sec.2.1 1st Para. Lines 1-6); extracting a set of data from the intermediate representations to create an inliner summary for each module (sec.2.2 1st Para. Lines 1-4 & 3rd Para. Lines 1-5); and using the inliner summaries and a globally-sorted working-list based order in an inline analysis phase to determine which call sites in the modules are to be inlined by substituting code from a called module (Sec.2.4 3rd Para. Lines 1-4).

8. For claims 2 and 9, Ayers discloses after a call site is determined to be inlined: updating a call graph of the routines (nodes) and call sites (edges); and updating the inliner summaries throughout the call graph, as necessary (Sec.2.3 The Last Para.).

9. For claims 4 and 11, Ayers discloses updating the inliner summaries comprises determining nodes and edges of the call graph that are affected by the inlining of the call site and updating those inliner summaries corresponding to the affected nodes and edges (Sec.2.3 The Last Para. Lines 5-8).

10. For claims 5 and 12, Ayers discloses the edge summaries include at least a call site execution count and a signature type (Sec.2.3 1st Para.).

11. For claims 7 and 14, Ayers discloses the inline analysis phase is separate and distinct from an inline transformation phase (Sec. 2.3 1st & 2nd Para. (i.e. analysis phase for determining which call site is clonable); Sec.2.3 6th & 7th Para. (i.e. transformation phase for using the results of analysis phase to create clones and fix call sites).

12. For claim 8, Ayers discloses An apparatus for compiling a computer program, the apparatus comprising: a front-end portion configured to receive a plurality of modules of source code (Fig. 1), generate intermediate representations corresponding to the modules (Sec.2.1 1st Para. Lines 1-6), and extract a set of data from the intermediate representations to generate inliner summaries for the modules (sec.2.2 1st Para. Lines 1-4 & 3rd Para. Lines 1-5); and a cross-module optimizer configured to use the inliner summaries and a globally-sorted working-list based order to analyze the call sites in an inline analysis phase so as to determine which call sites in the modules are to be inlined by substituting code from a called module (Sec. 1 4th Para. & Sec. 2.2 3rd Para. Lines 1-5 & Sec.2.4 3rd Para. Lines 1-4).

13. For a claim 15, Ayers discloses a computer program product comprising a computer-usable medium having computer-readable code embodied therein, the computer program product being compiled from a plurality of modules of source code using inliner summaries and a globally-sorted working-list based order in an inline analysis phase to determine which call sites in the modules are to be inlined by substituting code from a called module (Sec. 2.2 3rd Para. Lines 1-5 & Sec. 2.4 3rd Para. Lines 1-4).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

14. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

15. Claims 3, 6, 10, and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over by Ayers and in view of Schmidt (US Patent No. 6,195,793 B1).

16. For claims 3 and 10, Ayers does not teach after the call graph and inliner summaries are updated, re-calculating profitabilities associated with remaining call sites; and re-ordering the working list using the re-calculated profitabilities, but Schmidt teaches re-calculating profitabilities associated with remaining call sites; and re-ordering the working list using the re-calculated profitabilities (Schmidt, col.7 lines 31-38).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Ayer's teachings by adding re-calculating profitabilities associated with remaining call sites; and re-ordering the working list using the re-calculated profitabilities as taught by Schmidt in order to determine whether the alternate call site from working list (i.e. AuxQueue) should be inlined if the priority best call site in AuxQueue is less than a threshold that is acceptable for the original call site after the re-calculating (Schmidt, col.7 lines 39-51).

17. For claims 6 and 13, Ayers does not teach the node summaries include at least a code size, a routine execution count, and a call-graph height, but Schmidt teaches the node summaries include at least a code size, a routine execution count, and a call-graph height (Schmidt, col.4 lines 26-34).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Ayer's teachings by adding the node summaries include at least a code size, a routine execution count, and a call-graph height as taught by Schmidt in order to select good inlining and making accurate estimates of code bloat (Schmidt, col.3 lines 42-50).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Junchun Wu whose telephone number is 571-270-1250. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-17:00 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wei Zhen can be reached on 571-272-3708. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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